

ACTION ITEMS

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The Cross-Border Livestock Health Working Group meets each year for an annual conference at the PNWER Summit. This conference enhances relationships and network-building between U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions, exchanging information on animal health issues/concerns, developing a common understanding of disease policies, exchanging information on emergency response to emerging and foreign animal disease, advancing Canadian and American animal health interests, and identifying and executing action items to collectively address animal and cross-border issues.

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Action Items	Project Lead	Status
1 Encourage the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to review their current Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) policy, with a focus on the re-entry requirements of Canadian horses from USA. Ensure that current science and recent policy changes in the USA are considered during the review.	Michael Hall - Canadian Livestock Genetics Association	In progress
2 Send a letter to CFIA indicating PNWER's support of Canadian Beef Breeds Council and Canadian Livestock Genetics Association request for CFIA to improve their permit process by ensuring permits are issued within a maximum of 7 days from the date of application.	Michael Latimer- Canadian Beef Breeds Council	In progress
3 Send a letter to USDA and CFIA indicating PNWER's satisfaction with USDA's progress on the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) project. As well, encourage CFIA to work closely with USDA to implement a complementary program in Canada.	Kathryn Tonita - Saskatchewan Agriculture	In progress

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